

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 169

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to designate September 2011, as “Drive to End Hunger Month” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, one in six Tennessee residents faces the threat of hunger every day; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee ranks number four of the top fifteen states with the highest rates of food hardships; and

WHEREAS, Memphis is the “hunger capital” of the nation; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.27 million Tennesseans are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, twenty percent of Tennesseans enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are age 45 or older; and

WHEREAS, food banks that have been helping feed hungry Tennesseans for years are having a hard time keeping up with the increasing need; and

WHEREAS, AARP and the AARP Foundation have teamed up with NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion Jeff Gordon and Hendrick Motorsports on a national “Drive to End Hunger” campaign; and

WHEREAS, thousands of AARP volunteers, members, and other Tennesseans want to help their neighbors leave hunger in the dust; and

WHEREAS, September is national Hunger Action Month; and

WHEREAS, there are national Days of Service during the month of September; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the General Assembly hereby designates September 2011, as “Drive To

End Hunger Month” in Tennessee and urges all citizens to join in this observance by helping feed hungry neighbors in their communities and draw attention to this issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.